Software Underground

Board Meeting

24 September 2024

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 15.00 UTC on Tuesday 24 September 2024. Quorum is 5.

Chair: Matt

Regrets:

Present: Jo, Matteo, Santi

Visiting:

Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:
https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board

Remarks

- **Prompted a shared review of financial outgoings**
- **Billing details on Plausible have expired, not a terrible thing as we hit a traffic threshold going over 100k views that puts combined sites into a pricier, up to 5M bracket -- see later notes**
- **simpeg, fatiando, pylops analytics - are they being enjoyed?**
- **Hetzner admin account, can view access for billing purposes be offered, it does not look like an option :/**

AGM

The AGM happened, go here
https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/tree/main/agm

Remarks:

- **None**

Committees

during the last meeting we started assigning board members to invite community members to join them:

- Finance: *Matteo & Matt*
- Tech: *Santi*
- Store: [see next item, below] ***Matt***
- Community: *Leo, Matt, Chance*
- Events: *Jo*

Discuss the idea of assigning tasks to board members/committees during each board meeting, so we can leverage the momentum that board meetings generate. Mainly through volunteering. Keep realistic expectations of what committees can achieve.

Action: key question from last time: what goals should each Topic have? Let's try one goal per month (i.e. per meeting).

Remarks:

- **Various actions in Finance / Store / Tech, see below**

Finances and sponsoring

- Matt updated the donor lists before the AGM.
- Action from last meeting: let's take a look at the website right now! :)

Remarks:

- **Would be good to give access to the billing information in Hetzner to other people (Santi, Matteo). [UPDATE 1930 UTC - apparently cannot be done but I have added the account to 1Password]**
- **Plausible needs to be paid. [UPDATE 1930 UTC - paid with Matteo]**
  - **We got over the number of viewers per month for the first tier plan.**
  - **We might want to check if having mattermost in Plausible is generating a lot of requests that we don't need.**
- **Double check if the credit card in the store (Printful) works well (it might be broken after we updated credit cards). [UPDATE 1930 UTC - changed it with Matteo]**
  - **Check if we have the Printful account in 1Password (if it's a global/shared account) or if we can create accounts for other ppl to have access to it. [UPDATE 1930 UTC - Invited matteo.niccoli@gmail and**

Events

TRANSFORM (live recording 10 or 20 tutorials) is the core thing. What one thing can we do now or in the next week to increase its chances of happening?

Remarks:

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- https://github.com/NERC-CEH/rse_group/blob/099faf2b588439054e7c02e00fab3bc5cf331a9d/presentations/rsecon24_highlights/presentation.qmd
- **No updates on more TRANSFORM activity - haven't found the focus for this**
- **Suggested action viable for '24 to find a swung project that's already interested in running an online workshop (on the CodeRefinery model) and promoting it with the TRANSFORM banner**
- **Potential for a panel-like session for projects to promote their tutorial materials, could be seen as "trailers"**
- **Topical rendezvous type session about future off FOSS, spontaneous and self-organising as a way of kicking back off a shared conversation**
- **JW - realistically can't contribute effort until earliest November, sorry!**

Conversation about non-profit and fiscal hosts (if we have time)

We've been talking about moving away from a non-profit considering that the benefits we get don't match the effort we need to put into its societal duties. Leo prompted the idea to have a fiscal host.

Any advances/research/ideas on this?

Remarks:

- **Did not discuss, take it next time.**

Volunteer for chairing the next meeting

Remarks:

- **Matt: October**
- **Matteo: November**

Parking lot / next meeting

None.